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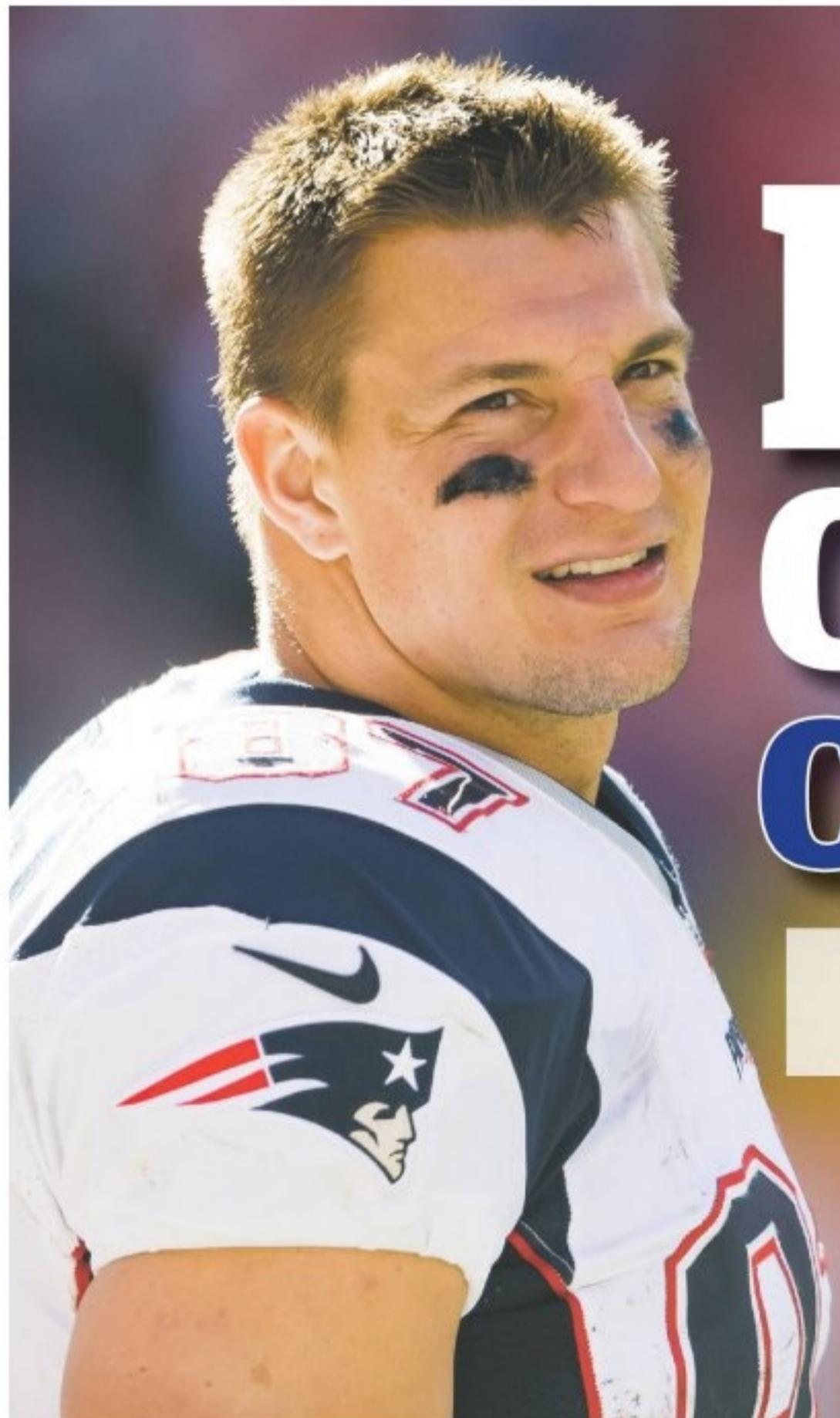
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## 4 THINGS TO KNOW

Lucy Flores claims the former VP touched her shoulders and smelled her hair.

Former Vice President Joe Biden said on Sunday he believed he had never acted inappropriately following allegations by a female activist that he made her feel uncomfortable by kissing her at a campaign event in 2014.

"In my many years on the campaign trail and in public life, I have offered countless handshakes, hugs, expressions of affection, support and comfort. And not once — never — did I believe I acted inappropriately. If it is suggested I did so, I will listen respectfully. But it was never my intention," Biden said.

Biden has said he does not recall the 2014 incident.

The allegation was made in an online essay published on Friday by Lucy Flores, a Democratic Party activist who was running to be Nevada's lieutenant governor. Flores said Biden also touched her shoulders and smelled her hair when they appeared at an event together, making her feel uncomfortable.

In his statement Biden added: "I may not recall these moments the same way, and I may be surprised at what I hear. But we have arrived at

# Biden denies inappropriate conduct over alleged kiss

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an important time when women feel they can and should relate their experiences, and men should pay attention. And I will."

Speaking on Sunday to CNN's "State of the Union" show, Flores said she was glad that Biden was willing to listen but demanded that the former vice president acknowl-

edge that his behavior was wrong. "If he's saying that he never believed that was inappropriate then, frankly, I think that's a little bit of a disconnect," she said.

"I want him to change his behavior. I want him to acknowledge that it was wrong."

Biden served eight years as vice president

under former President Barack Obama and 36 years in the U.S. Senate. He has not yet said whether he will run for president in 2020, but has been expected to throw his hat into the ring soon.

The allegations may raise questions over whether the former vice president could still run,

although some Democrats on Sunday defended Biden.

"Certainly, one allegation is not disqualifying but it should be taken seriously," Democratic Sen. Dick Durbin, Senate minority whip, told NBC News' "Meet the Press" on Sunday.

White House adviser

Kellyanne Conway also weighed in on the issue on Fox News Sunday, saying it was "bold" of Flores to come forward. "I would remind the audience that she shares Joe Biden's political party. ... So it's quite bold for her to go up against the highest levels of her own political party." REUTERS

## National Enquirer: Brother 'single source' for reports

**2** The publisher of the National Enquirer on Sunday said its reports on Amazon Chief Executive Jeff Bezos' private life were based on information from a single source, the brother of Bezos' girlfriend, Lauren Sanchez. The statement from American Media Inc. followed publication by Bezos security chief Gavin De Becker in a Daily Beast article in which he said the government of Saudi Arabia

had accessed private information from Bezos' phone. AMI released a statement saying its reports on Bezos' affair with Sanchez were based solely on information provided by Michael Sanchez, "who tipped the Enquirer off to the affair on Sept. 10, 2018, and over the course of four months provided all of the materials for our investigation. "There was no involvement by any third party whatsoever," it added.

## SC student may have thought car was her Uber

**3** A South Carolina man has been charged in the murder of a University of South Carolina student who may have gotten into her killer's car mistakenly believing that it was her Uber ride, police said. Nathaniel Rowland, 24, was charged with the murder and kidnapping of Samantha Josephson, 21, who was last seen outside of Five Points bar in Columbia, South Carolina early Friday morning, Columbia Police Chief

William Holbrook said during a news conference on Saturday evening. Her friends called the authorities to report a missing person about 12 hours later, after they had not seen Josephson since she left the bar the night before, he said. "We believe that she simply mistakenly got into this particular car thinking that it was an Uber ride," Holbrook said. "She opened the door, got into it and departed with the suspect driving."

## NBA star Porzingis accused of rape in New York

**4** Dallas Mavericks center Kristaps Porzingis has been accused of raping a New York neighbor on Feb. 7, 2018, hours after suffering a serious knee injury while playing for the Knicks, the New York Post reported Saturday. The alleged victim contacted police this week with details of the alleged rape, according to the Post. The Post said that the accuser was considered "believable" despite waiting more than 13 months

to report the incident. She told police that she and Porzingis discussed \$68,000 in hush money. Porzingis' attorney, Roland G. Riopelle, issued the following statement to ESPN on Saturday: "We are aware of the complaint that was made against Mr. Porzingis on Friday and unequivocally deny the allegations. We made a formal referral to federal law enforcement on Dec. 20, 2018, based on the accuser's extortionate demands."



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# Uber driver arrested for Boston rape of passenger, ICE orders detainer

A Ugandan citizen has been charged with raping a female passenger on Storrow Drive.



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A Ugandan citizen working as an Uber driver has been issued a detainer from ICE officials after Massachusetts State Police arrested the man and charged him with raping a passenger.

State police received a

report that a woman had been sexually assaulted by an Uber driver on Storrow Drive near the Hatch Memorial Shell in Boston at about 1:15 a.m. Sunday. They located the man in question and arrested him without further incident.

Daudah Mayanja, 37, of Waltham, was charged with two counts of rape after allegedly assaulting a woman in his vehicle on the Esplanade.

Mayanja was booked at the Brighton Barracks before being transferred to the Boston Barracks and held on \$25,000 bail, which has since been in-

creased to \$100,000. He remains held by MSP and will be arraigned tomorrow in Boston Municipal Court.

The victim was brought to an area hospital for treatment, and State Police Crime Scene Services personnel and a state police chemist collected potential evidence for forensic analysis.

"What's been reported is horrible and something no one should ever go through," an Uber rep said in a statement. "We stand ready to support law enforcement with their investigation."

Uber also said it's increasing its safety features, and said riders can call 911 directly through the app while sharing their exact location with their GPS technology.

Uber announced last November its plans to up their efforts to compile statistics of sexual assaults



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involving drivers and passengers.

Former software engineer at Uber Susan Fowler, who was nominated for Time magazine's "Person of the Year," wrote a viral blog post in 2017 attacking

the inaction toward sexual harassment she claimed she faced at the company. The blog entry helped oust the company's chief executive and co-founder. Meanwhile, scores of Uber drivers have been arrested

for sexual assault all over the world.

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## Artwork by a “Star Wars” fan

Hubert Zitt, astrophysicist at the Zweibrücken University of Applied Sciences in Germany, took his love of the “Star Wars” saga to the next level by turning an observatory into a huge R2-D2 droid. The project was completed in September 2018, but recently went viral after “Star Wars” actor Mark Hamill highlighted it on Twitter. MWN

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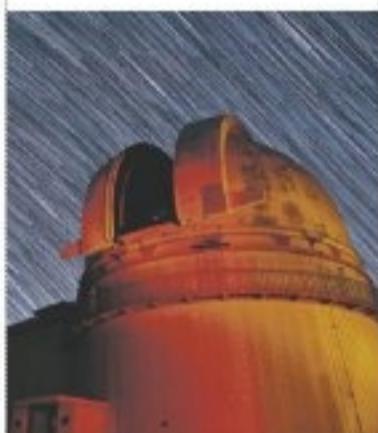


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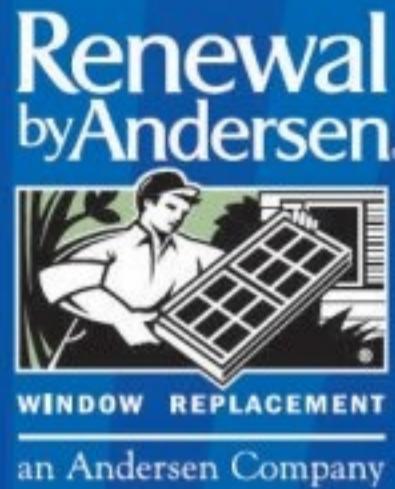
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# Earth's magnetic field warns us a month prior to an earthquake

Chilean scientist's method is based on decreases of the magnetic field inside our planet. His theory has already been verified with 18 major earthquakes and awaits international acceptance.

GABRIEL ARCE GRANIZO, MWN

"You have to straighten out all these animals with kicks," says Dr. Enrique Cordaro, sharing a quote that his friend, Nicanor Parra, would say jokingly during the decade they taught adjoining classes at the University of Chile. The scientist today hopes to do the same as his colleague: leave a legacy.

What Cordaro has in his hands is, according to him, a "scientific bomb."

"It is the first time that a model can, scientifically, predict earthquakes, the first time that it is measuring specifically all the properties that a seismic movement could have before it happens," says

the academic from the Faculty of Physical Sciences and Mathematics of the University of Chile.

The results of his study were published in the latest edition of the Advances in Space Research journal and deal with nothing less than the verification that by looking at the Earth's magnetic field and its variations, an earthquake could be "seen" to come.

"We are not seismologists. We do not work with tectonic plates, but with the magnetic field. It's another method, another way of looking at the problem," Cordaro explains.

He has been developing the method for more than 50 years, time in which he has opened three cosmic radiation and geomagnetism observatories where he found the relationship between magnetism and pronounced earthquakes.

According to the scientist, his study is focused on the Earth's interior. The magnetic field originates in the liquid core of the planet, and there, almost 5,000 kilometers (3,107 miles) inland, he found that declines in the magnetic field were a clear indicator that a strong tremor would occur on surface.

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"I register it as a terrible decrease in the magnetic field. When it goes down, I immediately begin to corroborate if any frequencies are being generated, which are the ones we find in our [Chile's] earthquakes, as well as in the ones in Sumatra and Japan, on the other side of the planet," explains the scientist.

He and his team have confirmed their model with 18 large earthquakes of magnitudes between 6 and 8 on the Richter scale. He says that the anticipation, or time lapse, with which they read these frequencies were 30

days for South America, 106 days for Sumatra and 20 days for Japan.

"That made everybody go nuts, except for people here in Chile. They, for some reason, don't give a damn," criticizes Cordaro.

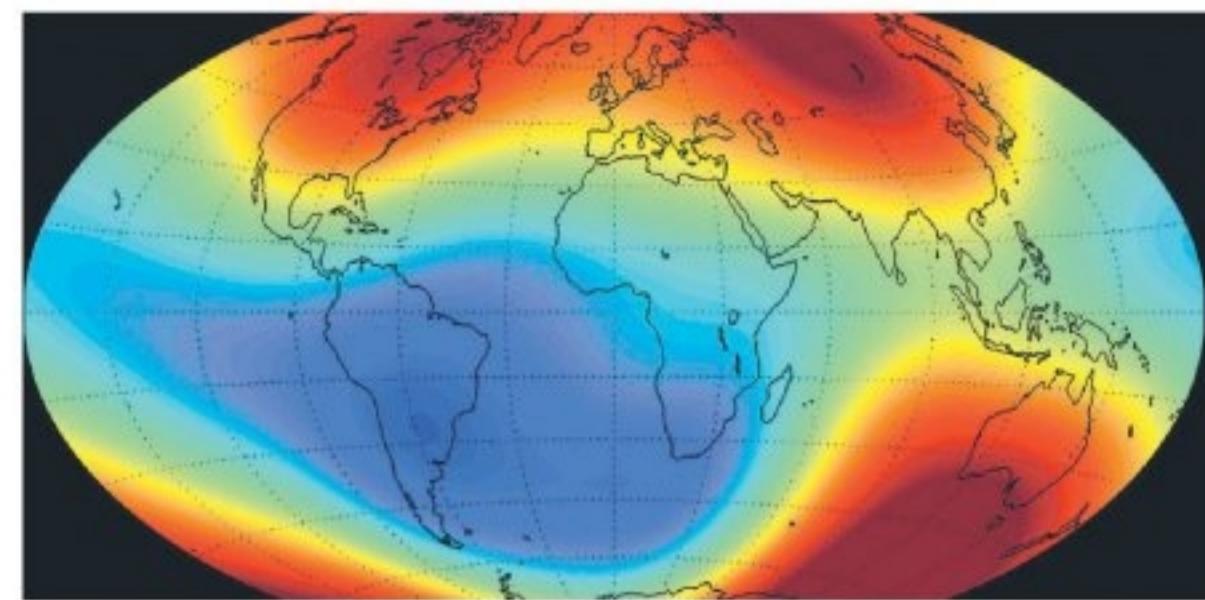
All his discoveries are made thanks to magnetometers and neutron gauges located between the centers of Putre, Santiago (Colina) and the Escudero Base (Antarctica).

"The problem is that I have always lacked funds. In fact, my centers are automated because I had to fire my staff. I think that two years from now I will have the complete me-

thod and could apply artificial intelligence. I am thinking of the magnetometers as if they were neurons, communicating between them, and the synapse would make it a learn machine that, if they let me work, could be up and working in six months," says Cordaro bluntly.

The question is, what is the predictive capacity of his model?

"If it were in Santiago, a month before the earthquake I could identify the trend, the change in the magnetic field, and 48 hours before I could be sure if it is coming," he explains.



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**DANNY PICARD**  
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**R**ob Gronkowski has announced his retirement. But I have some questions.

Before I go any further, allow me to put out this disclaimer: Yes, I do care about Gronkowski's health. And no, I am not saying he's a coward for choosing to walk away from the game of football at just 29 years of age.

It's a disclaimer that has to be made, it seems, in 2019. Questioning an elite professional athlete's early retirement these days is portrayed as insensitive. So we should all just accept the fact that Gronkowski's 308-word Instagram post tells the whole story. Gronkowski is done. He'll never play another snap again. And if you happen to think otherwise, you're a disgusting human.

Well, consider me the



Rob Gronkowski and Bill Belichick following the AFC Championship Game.

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worst person on the face of the earth, because I don't actually believe Gronkowski is done playing football. Not for one second.

And it sounds like his agent, Drew Rosenhaus, doesn't believe it, either.

Doing an interview on ESPN last week, Rosenhaus teased a Gronkowski return to the Pats in 2019.

"Listen, I'm just speculating," said Rosenhaus. "This is nothing that Rob

and I talked about specifically. I don't want to get anybody's hopes up. Rob Gronkowski is retired, and it's unlikely that he will ever play football again. However, I did close my conversation with Rob yesterday when he called to tell me he was going to retire, and I said, 'Rob, just keep in mind, if you ever have a change of heart, you can come back and play. I'm sure the Patriots would welcome

you with open arms. If it's sometime during the season, if it's late in the year, if you feel good and you want to come back and play, we will make it happen.'

"He's 29 years old," added Rosenhaus. "He's still a very young man. It wouldn't shock me if he has a change of heart, if he feels great, and he decides that he wants to play football. But this is just me talking."

Incredible. Gronkowski's post hadn't even been out there for 24 hours, and his agent was already on the Worldwide Leader, arms crossed, making his public pitch to Bill Belichick for Gronkowski to come out of retirement.

That's right, I said his "pitch to Bill Belichick." Because that's what I believe this is. That's how I feel about Gronkowski's early retirement. This is "business," taken to a whole new level.

Last offseason, Gronkowski threatened retirement. He teased a move to Hollywood. He leaked rumors of a pro-wrestling career. He even did the Ric Flair strut by the Patriots' locker room inside Gillette Stadium in order to do a Monster Energy press conference while his teammates were taking part in voluntary workouts in April.

Eventually, Rosenhaus and Gronkowski were able to squeeze an extra \$4.3 million out of the Patriots with a restructuring of his contract during the summer.

Gronkowski was about to enter the final year of his deal in 2019 with a \$9 million base salary. Of course he wants more

than that. And he should. He's proven to be one of the most — if not the most — dangerous weapons in the NFL.

Perhaps Rosenhaus and Gronkowski didn't get all the money they wanted last year while threatening retirement. So this year, they're stepping their negotiation game up and actually retiring.

The Patriots responded by playing a negotiation game, too. Belichick and Kraft sent out press releases thanking Gronkowski for all of his incredible contributions.

Bouquets everywhere. Gronkowski retires. Everybody is moving on.

Well, except for Gronkowski's agent, the mastermind of the whole thing.

"I don't want to create any unnecessary expectations, but Rob is a very unique personality," added Rosenhaus on ESPN. "If the team was struggling, or they needed him at some point next year, and let's just say, hypothetically, Tom Brady gave him a call and said, 'Rob, I need you,' I wouldn't be shocked if he came back to play a few games."

Neither would I.

## Celts, Sox in action on Monday night

Marcus Morris is no doubt the most optimistic person in the NBA. He also may be delusional.

Morris told reporters after the Celtics' 110-96 loss to the Nets on Saturday that he thinks in a few years that ESPN will do a "30 for 30" on this season's team due to the fact that they were counted out so many times. He still believes the Celtics will show that championship promise before all is said and done.

Morris and the C's are back at it tonight against the Heat at TD Garden (7:30 p.m., NBC Sports Boston). Miami is scratching and clawing to land one of the final playoff spots in the East, so it won't be a night off for the Celtics.

### Price gets start vs. A's

The Red Sox's pitching



staff has been shaky so far this season as it was

allowing eight runs per game through the first

three games of the season.

David Price will look to knock down that hefty team ERA on Monday against Oakland (10 p.m., NESN) as the lefty sees his first action of the season.

The A's will counter with journeyman Aaron Brooks.

Price was dealing with an illness last week, which is the reason why manager Alex Cora pushed him back a few days to start the season.

Price talked a big game in spring training this year, saying he didn't come to Boston to "just win one" championship. He wants multiple rings.

Price will look to duplicate his first performance of the season from last year, when he went seven innings in a four-hit shutout of Tampa Bay.

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## CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

Docket No. SU18P0794EA

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court

Estate of: Susie E. Bassfield

Date of Death: 01/11/2008

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A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Michael Clarke of Mattapan, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, First And Final and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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 20 "The Wizard of Oz" production co.  
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 23 Not as harsh  
 24 Luxurious  
 26 Devour  
 27 Pastor's territory  
 29 "Down by the Old Mill \_\_\_"  
 32 "\_\_\_ Lucy" of old TV  
 33 Night twinklers  
 35 Word of disgust  
 37 Sheltered inlet  
 38 Spacious  
 39 Morse's invention  
 40 That girl  
 41 Fissures; splits  
 42 \_\_\_ numerals; X, L, D, etc.

- 43 Floating with no anchor  
 45 Derelict in duty  
 46 Tiny fellow  
 47 Pulled four-wheeled vehicle  
 48 Stimulating drink  
 51 "What Kind of Fool \_\_\_?"  
 52 Author Doyle's initials  
 55 Largest terriers  
 58 Gallant; dignified  
 60 Big clubs  
 61 Notable deed; exploit  
 62 Woody \_\_\_  
 63 Bodies of water  
 64 Forest destroyer  
 65 Skillful

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 2 Drawn-out  
 3 As bad as before  
 4 Acquire  
 5 \_\_\_ kebab; BBQ favorite  
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 10 \_\_\_ over; deliver  
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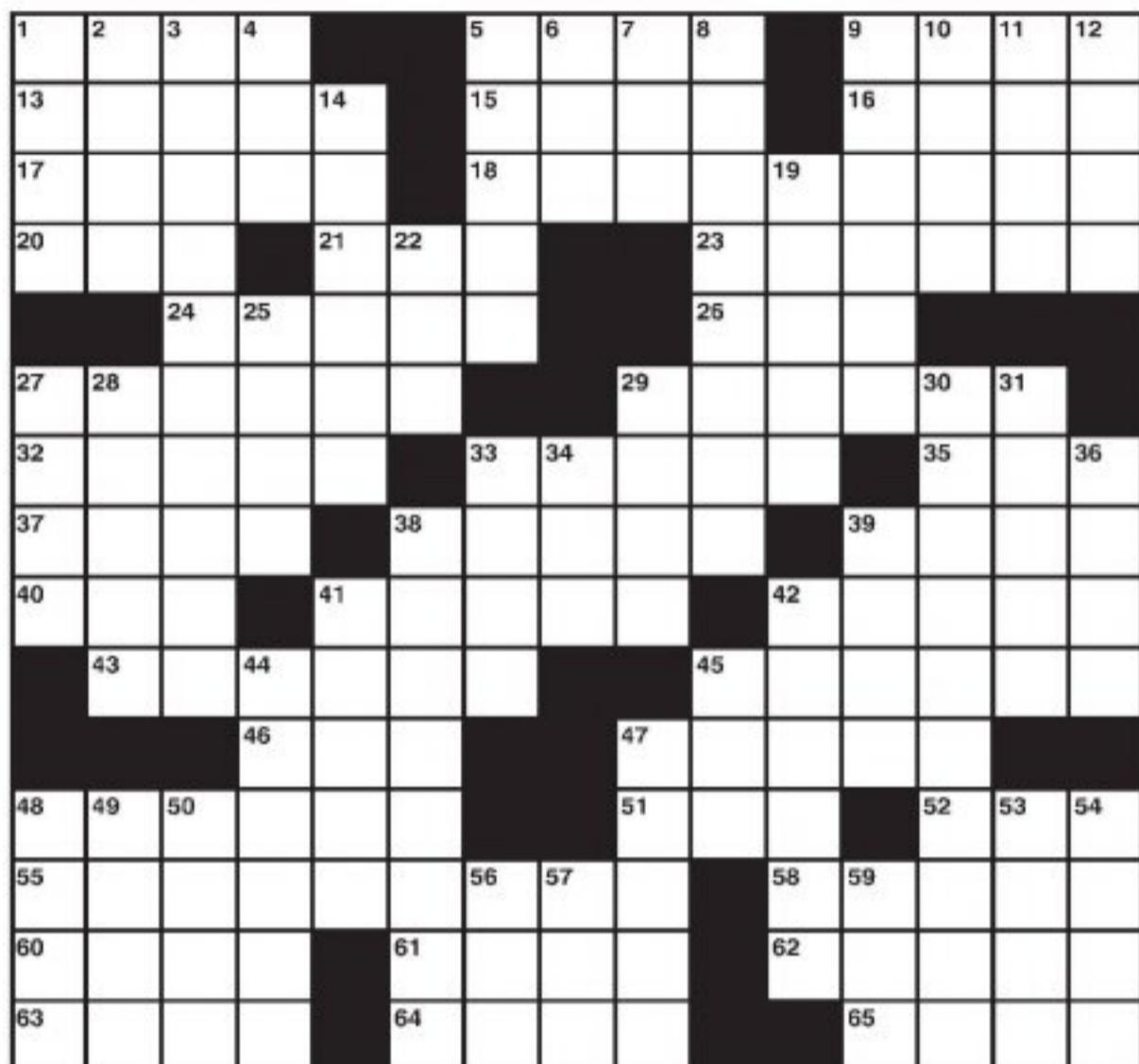
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**Aries** Protect your personal information. Don't play with fire when dealing with financial matters. Bide your time and make decisions and changes based on facts.

**Taurus** Take your time. The harder you press to get things done, the longer it will take. If you let things unfold naturally, everything will fall into place.

**Gemini** Knowing what you want will be half the battle. If you hesitate or give someone the upper hand, you should expect to be left behind. Focusing on your goal should be priority No. 1.

**Cancer** Don't wait for someone else to do things for you. Be the master of your destiny and take pride in what you do. Partnerships will work only if you can maintain equality.

**Leo** Emotional spending will get you into trouble. You cannot buy love and you shouldn't feel that you must impress others. Just be yourself and do your own thing.

**Virgo** A change will do you good. Distance yourself from your troubles to help put situations in perspective. Don't let anger turn into a costly mistake.

**Libra** Put more thought into your relationships and how you can improve emotionally taxing situations. Surround yourself with supportive, positive people and you'll do better in all walks of life.

**Scorpio** Express your thoughts and ideas with someone who shares your goals. A positive change to the way you live and with whom you associate will lead to personal success.

**Sagittarius** It's up to you to bring about positive change. If you let someone dictate what you can and cannot do, you will end up having regrets. Be a leader, not a follower.

**Capricorn** Look at all your options and choose what's doable. If you take on too much, you won't be satisfied with the results. Set a goal and stick to it.

**Aquarius** Rely on methods that have worked for you in the past. Make adjustments at home that will help you reach your goals. Arguing will be a waste of time.

**Pisces** Take a break and rethink your next move. Call on people who owe you a favor or can help you reach your goal. A joint effort will lead to greater opportunities. EUGENIA LAST

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